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A Protest and A Request.

To Messrs Smith, Evans and Cooper.

In view of the facts, which I hereby submit, in another paper, I wish to protest against a resolution prepared by you and passed by the trustees of the University of Tennessee, which reflects upon the viracity of five respectable ladies of Knoxville, myself among the number.

Said resolution points me out by name as having made statements in 1916 contrary to a statement made in 1913. The only evidence furnished your committee to prove this, was contained in a paper prepared by a professor of the University whose conduct was under consideration. Members of the <sup>ex</sup>ecutive committee knew that I could offer testimony in refutation of that of the professor.

Will you inform me why I was not invited to do so?

A fair trial surely calls for all the evidence possible, not simply for that which will clear the accused.

My good name is quite as precious to me as the Professors is to ~~he~~ him and your committee I am sure will agree that it is just as important that you do justice to five women as to one man. Had I known judgement was to be passed upon me I should certainly have demanded admittance to the trial.

Because a verdict was rendered by your committee against myself and others without our being permitted to defend ourselves I ask you to declare that verdict illegal and void.

Respectfully,

*Alfred Frank*

*Aug 23-1916  
Knoxville Tenn.*

*The pastors union of the M.E. Church &  
the M.E. Church South join me in  
this request. I am sending a copy of  
this request to each of the Trustees.*

*L. C. F.*